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To: Commissioner Adelstein  
Date: Wed, Jun 4, 2003 6:04 PM  
Subject: Please Act to Stop Media Monopolies

Senator John McCain  
U.S. Senate  
241 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator McCain,

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Please tell the FCC to reinstate its traditional media ownership rules for the sake of competition and democracy.

Thank you

Sincerely,

Trever Moore  
160 Wadsworth  
Idaho Falls, Idaho 83402

cc.

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**From:** gabrieltwr@aol.com  
**To:** Kathleen Abernathy  
**Date:** Wed, Jun 4, 2003 6:05 PM  
**Subject:** Please Act to Stop Media Monopolies

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I am a musician and depend on the freedoms we share...don't let the corp giants change the rules and step on the little guy, be American!

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**From:** John Rook  
**To:** Mike Powell, Michael Copps, Commissioner Adelstein, KA KQAWBSITE, KM  
**KJMWEB**  
**Date:** Wed, Jun 4, 2003 3:50 PM  
**Subject:** LEW DICKEY - smaller, lower-casted stations could be cast to the wolves

Cumulus Chairman/CEO Lew Dickey told a luncheon crowd at yesterday's Deutsche Bank Media Conference in New York that "smaller, lower-casted stations could be cast to the wolves" as a result of the FCC's new cross-ownership rules. "They are not going to be operated in an environment where they can program different formats, and they are going to have to be sold," he said. "Those stations are going to be the big losers." Meanwhile, LIN Television VP/General Counsel Gregory Schmidt called the FCC "guilty of being unduly influenced by the divestiture obligations that would have been imposed if the ownership cap had been changed. That's a hell of a way to make public policy. I think the agency was unduly influenced by the consequences of a potential fallout, legal and otherwise, in forcing people to divest."

Lew Dickey is telling what's already happened to most small market radio owners, they were gang raped by financial bully's with little or no ethic's.

**From:** elaine weyand  
**To:** Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Sat, May 31, 2003 1:05 PM  
**Subject:** fcc ruling changes

sir or madam,

it is my understanding that the mandate of the fcc is to ENSURE that the public is provided with diversity both in programing and ownership of our communications organizations. it is unclear how these proposed changes are in our best interest. diversity depends on differences in viewpoint as well as reporting. I have yet to find any buisness which will give an opposing view to it's own political stance. I must then conclude that politics not public interest are the driving factors behind these changes. shame on all of you for 'selling out' the american people for political gain. my disgust and distrust of the bush government and it's agencies has simply deepened.

elaine weyand



**From:** Marie-José Fortis  
**To:** Kathleen Abernathy, mcopps@fcc.com, kjmweb@fcc.com, jadelste@fcc.com  
**Date:** Sat, May 31, 2003 1:05 PM  
**Subject:** Fw: MEDIA CONSOLIDATION

----- Original Message -----

From: Marie-José Fortis  
To: mpowell@fcc.gov  
Sent: Saturday, May 31, 2003 1:09 PM  
Subject: MEDIA CONSOLIDATION

Chairman Powell,

As a concerned U.S. Citizen, and as a registered voter, I am urging you to delay the vote on media consolidation and allow a democratic, public debate on the matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie-José Fortis

**From:** Robert Perry, Sr.  
**To:** Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Sat, May 31, 2003 1:10 PM  
**Subject:** Broadcast Deregulation

Being semi-retired from a sixty-four year career in radio and television broadcasting; and, previously having had a serious interest in applying for a low-power FM station UNTIL the congress precluded that possibility with its decision to protect the THIRD adjacent channels of existing stations, contrary to the recommendation of the commission's technical staff, but in accord with the requests filed by the networks (including NPR) which resulted in NO CHANNEL being available on the south coast of Santa Barbara County, I want to protest in the strongest terms possible any further ownership deregulation.

If the commission proceeds, as Chairman Powell has indicated he intends to do on June 2nd, ALSO vote to ABOLISH the FCC. It will no longer serve any useful purpose for the people of this democratic nation.

Sincerely,

Robert D.O. Perry  
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**From:** CR Masterson  
**To:** Mike Powell, president@whitehouse.gov, senator@boxer.senate.gov,  
senator@feinstein.senate.gov, tom\_daschle@daschle.senate.gov  
**Date:** Sat, May 31, 2003 1:10 PM  
**Subject:** NO CONSOLIDATION!!!!!!

Dear Chairman, and Commissioners, and Lawmakers:

IF you believe in democracy,  
IF you believe in what makes this nation great,  
YOU WILL PAY ATTENTION to the PEOPLE'S VOICE!!!!!!  
Americans are increasingly disgusted with corporate shennanigans and the beaurocrats and politicians  
that aid and abet the anti-democracy forces at work.

Even USA Interactive chief executive Barry Diller, who controlled broad media holdings before focusing on  
Internet businesses, favors keeping ownership limits. In a speech before the April convention of the  
National Association of Broadcasters, he said: "The conventional wisdom is wrong. We need more  
regulation, not less."

The whole issue of consolidation is NOT being handled well or honorably.  
Once AGAIN it looks like the only thing Republicans care about is CORPORATE welfare at the expense of  
our long-held democratic practices and institutions. Do you want to be known as the FCC that sold  
freedom short? Sold it for the proverbial "30 pieces of silver"?  
In this complex world, we need MORE SUPPORT FOR FREEDOM and TO MAKE DIVERSITY, not  
consolidation, THE RULE OF THE DAY.

DELAY THE VOTE!  
PROMOTE CHOICE AND FREEDOM!!!!!!

Sincerely,  
A VOTER and CITIZEN  
C.R. Masterson  
San Francisco, CA.  
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**From:** Jean Nepsund  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Sat, May 31, 2003 1:15 PM  
**Subject:** <No Subject>

DO NOT give more power to nation wide companies. They do not do what is good for our nation, only what is good for their bottom line.

More Local Station Control will meet the needs of people in their area and provide competition to keep costs down.

We do not need corporate money-hungry dictators determining what our children see.

Mrs Jean Nepsund

**From:** Peg Fargo  
**To:** Kathleen Abernathy  
**Date:** Sat, May 31, 2003 1:17 PM  
**Subject:** FCC plan to adopt rule changes on media

At one time, I lived in Watertown, New York where one family corporation controlled the newspaper, television and major radio station. There was only one point of view expressed, and if the family did not like you or your organization, it was impossible to do anything right or get any positive coverage of the agency's programs

Finally, the FCC required the corporation to own only one and they kept the newspaper. They have continually bought up small newspapers but the dark cloud was lifted from other sources of information.

Please, consider carefully before you give large conglomerates who already control so much of what we do and how we think, even more power.

Thank you.

Peg M Fargo

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**From:** Taffy Dalby  
**To:** Kathleen Abernathy  
**Date:** Sat, May 31, 2003 1:19 PM  
**Subject:** limit ownership

Dear Commissioner,

Please do not allow the selling out of the retention caps of television ownership. You have the responsibility of America upon your hands to continue to control what is filtering into our young and future leadership. I urge you to be among the great of our countrymen and women by not selling out.

Sincerely,

Taffy Dalby RN

**From:** Instntkarmashine@aol.com  
**To:** Kathleen Abernathy  
**Date:** Sat, May 31, 2003 1:23 PM  
**Subject:** your decision

As a consumer in America, and more importantly, as a concerned citizen, I request that your decision about further media deregulation not be made without the benefit of a public debate on the issues. Melissa Henneberry

**From:** David Wright  
**To:** Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Sat, May 31, 2003 1:25 PM  
**Subject:** Support diverse ownership of media news sources!

Dear Sirs, Mesdames:

I am concerned, deeply concerned about the increasing consolidation of ownership of media sources (television, radio and news papers) under just a few corporations and the freedom of speech and access to news. I watch what is happening with alarm, and am fairly well informed. I have a master of landscape architecture with emphasis in Urban Design, am interested in history and politics, and how society is shaped both culturally and physically by the language we have access to in our national media and cultural channels.

The informed public is our best defense against tyranny in our country, and it is our duty to be able to inform our elected officials of things we want to change in government. Therefore access to diverse news information is essential to the protection of democracy in the US.

Right now I am using news sources from around the world rather than in the US because domestic news coverage is so abysmal. For those who want to pursue harmful domestic policies in our country, control of the media is essential to achieving their aims, and we cannot let this happen.

Please, for the sake of our nation, do not deregulate the FCC rulings. We need varied ownership of the media in the US

Thank you!  
David Wright  
Seattle, WA.



**From:** Jerry Bowman  
**To:** Kathleen Abernathy  
**Date:** Sat, May 31, 2003 1:28 PM  
**Subject:** NO TO MURDOCK

The right to know is a corner stone of the American Republic. Diversity of information sources is critical for a well informed public. We don't need anymore blatantly slanted news or political cheerleading so prevalent on some of our news sources...i.e. Rupert Murdoch's conglomerate and other similar organizations. I believe your mission is to promote diversity of view points rather than to restrict the countries news sources. I hope your actions will prove me accurate in my beliefs.

**From:** Ldanielfamily@aol.com  
**To:** Kathleen Abernathy  
**Date:** Sat, May 31, 2003 1:31 PM  
**Subject:** (no subject)

I urge you to vote against the change in media ownership rules. Concentration of media ownership into the hands of a few will do irreparable harm to our society. I urge you not to vote for this wrongheaded change

Lynn Daniel  
Charlotte, NC

**From:** Penn Brumm  
**To:** Kathleen Abernathy  
**Date:** Sat, May 31, 2003 1:42 PM  
**Subject:** NO on ownership rules changes

Please do NOT make the proposed FCC changes to the broadcast owner rules.

Penn Brumm  
San Jose, CA

**From:** S Brown  
**To:** Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Sat, May 31, 2003 1:47 PM  
**Subject:** re: Open Commission Meeting June 2

Dear Sirs and Madam:

I am writing to voice my personal opinion of the Open Commission Meeting concerning media ownership rules to be held June 2, 2003. I am an avid patron of various forms of media currently governed by the FCC; I am also a commercial radio license holder and have worked for both commercial and non-commercial stations, so I understand and appreciate the kinds of regulations the FCC governs. I consider this vote to be very important to the distribution of information. Frankly, it makes me uncomfortable to know that the information I depend on is held in the corporate hands of a few. The few remaining independent radio, newspaper, and television stations are losing out to more powerful and widespread conglomerates.

Because of the possible further consolidation of radio stations, newspapers, and television stations, fewer ideas will be expressed, not to mention the loss of job opportunities since more stations broadcasting the same information means fewer people will be needed for the broadcast. I am already annoyed to find the same nightly news broadcast between 10 00pm and midnight. At your website you claim to act in the public interest, and although I had no part in appointing you to your offices, I expect you to consider all the angles and interests before you reach a decision. Thank you very much for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Shan-Estelle Brown

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**From:** Maureen R Geary  
**To:** Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Sat, May 31, 2003 1:47 PM  
**Subject:** vote NO on further FCC ownership deregulation!

-----Original Message-----

From: Barbara Hansen, OP  
Sent: Thursday, May 22, 2003 7:21 AM  
To: Yvonne Rackow  
Subject: Say "No" to FCC ownership deregulation  
Dear Commissioners,

I urge you to vote NO on the matter that you will consider on June 2 in connection with further deregulation of media ownership

In my community of Grand Rapids MI we have already experienced the impact of the consolidation of ownership of the radio stations that serve this market. Reporting of events relating to the U.S. attack on Iraq was one-sided and there were noticeably fewer voices whose alternative points of view were given air-time. This kind of consolidation can only diminish the ability of our citizens to act as responsible voters. It is the essence of democracy to allow alternative points of view to be expressed. Consolidation of the ownership of our media, whether radio, TV or press, can only diminish our ability to be informed voters and policy makers.

Please vote NO in this proposal. Welcome the voices of the many, that will ultimately lead to better decisions on the part of our government.

Sincerely,

Maureen R. Geary, O.P.  
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**From:** Cate Swan  
**To:** Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Sat, May 31, 2003 1:52 PM  
**Subject:** FCC Broadcast Ownership Rules

Please do not relax the Broadcast ownership rules that prevent media monopolies!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Cate Swan

**From:** Alex Logan  
**To:** Kathleen Abernathy  
**Date:** Sat, May 31, 2003 1:57 PM  
**Subject:** Don't Do It

Mrs. Abernathy,  
 Please do not be the obvious sell-out that you appear to be. The interests of corporations are not the only interests in this country. Please realize that protecting our democracy and the freedom of information in this country is more important than the health and wealth of a few corporate entities.  
 Please vote NO on the proposed loosening of FCC regulations in your next meeting.  
 Alex Logan  
 1434 Essex Way #1  
 San Jose, CA 95117

**From:** ringo  
**To:** Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Sat, May 31, 2003 1:58 PM  
**Subject:** Clear Channel censorship large media companies more control over the nation's newspapers, television

Sir;

I am sending this email in hopes the FCC disallow large media companies more control over the nation's newspapers, television and radio stations and the proposal would raise an existing market cap that prevents any one company from owning a combination of TV stations that reach more than 35 percent of U.S. households.

We have seen this happen before. The AM stations ownership is only limited by the dollar. AM radio is now mostly a haven of neo-conservative talk shows that only show one strongly biased side of life. Rush Limbaugh, Gordon Liddy, Clark Howard etc.

Among other things The US life is based on freedom of speech. I am afraid when there is only one censored and well controlled voice to hear in no time the fresh ideas and free independent thinking will be a thing of the past.

When our media is neatly tucked under a controlling censoring thumb the only alternate source for news and free speech will be from worldwide short wave stations.

The censorship has already started, seems there is a 'no play' list of songs on clear channel radio. I attempted contact with Clear Channel radio by email 3 times Clear Channel has not shown the courtesy of a reply.

Thank You,

Hank Jones

**CC:** FCC FCCINFO, Campaignlaw



**From:** Peggy McLaughlin  
**To:** Kathleen Abernathy  
**Date:** Sat, May 31, 2003 1:58 PM  
**Subject:** deregulation

May 25, 2003

Chairman Michael K. Powell:  
 Federal Communications Commission

I am writing to let you know I am opposed to the new regulations being proposed to further deregulate the media industry. I write as a concerned American citizen for the following reasons:

1. I want to be able to get access to unbiased news reporting.
2. I am concerned about the impact of media on shaping children's, and teen's values and decision making with regard to violence, self-concept, sex, drugs, alcohol as well as, the discrimination, put-downs and general "mean spiritedness" that seem to pervade television, movie, video / computer entertainment, and music venues since the last round of deregulation.
3. I want a simple, single rating system applied to all media so I can guide myself and my children to responsible choices with regard to media viewing.
4. I want controls imposed on entertainment media with regard to children's and teen programming so, as a parent, I am not constantly fighting the uphill battle of pitting my family values of decency, fairness, non-violence, non-discrimination, and responsible sexual decision making against those generally presented in the media.

THESE PROPOSED REGULATIONS DO NOT REPRESENT ME. THESE PROPOSED REGULATIONS ARE NOT IN MY FAMILY'S BEST INTEREST, NOR ARE THEY IN THE INTEREST OF A FREE AND OPEN AMERICAN, DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY.

Thank you for registering my position on these matters.

Sincerely,

Peggy McLaughlin  
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 650 347-3583

**From:** David J Carlson  
**To:** Kathleen Abernathy  
**Date:** Sat, May 31, 2003 2:02 PM  
**Subject:** FW: Relaxation of rules on media ownership

-----Original Message-----

From: David J. Carlson [mailto:bandito@ultrasw.com]  
Sent: Saturday, May 31, 2003 10:15 AM  
To: mpowell@fcc.gov  
Subject: Relaxation of rules on media ownership

Honorable Chairman Powell,

I urge you not to proceed with plans to permit more concentration of media ownership by conglomerates.

The obligation of the FCC is to administer the radio and television spectrum as a 'public trust' ... not to hand it over to powerful interest groups or corporations.

The 'public airways' should not be lumped together with cable TV, satellite, telephone or internet communications utilities. The 'public airways' are fundamentally linked to our continued freedom as a democratic society. Disney should not be handed the keys to our destiny.

Please stand for freedom! Please don't alter the existing regulations.

Sincerely yours,

David J Carlson  
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